

IMPROVING STORIES.

There are some good stories, says a contemporary, in the Hon. Lionel Tollemache's 'Safe Studies,' a fourth edition of which has just been issued. In an essay on 'Physical and Moral Courage,' the author is reminded of the learned observations of Aristotle and the sage of late dignitary of the Church who was nicknamed 'Providence of Mind' in consequence of a story told by himself:—A friend, he used to relate, invited me to go out with him on a boat. The sky was threatening, and I declined. At length he succeeded in persuading me and we embarked. A squall came on the boat lurched, and my friend fell overboard. Twice he sank, and twice he rose to the surface. He placed his hands on the prow and endeavored to climb in. There was great apprehension lest he should upset the boat. Providentially I had brought my umbrella with me. I had the presence of mind to strike him two or three hard blows over the knuckles. He let go his hold and sank. The boat righted itself, and we were saved. Another capital story of presence of mind under similar conditions follows. A certain prostitute was on her death-bed; after confessing many misdeeds, she seemed to think that they were out-weighted by one meritorious act—he had converted a Jew. It was on this wise:—I was in a shipwreck, and as many of us as could jump into a boat and rowed away. We passed by an unfortunate Jew who was struggling in the water. He implored us to take him in, but on my asking whether he would turn Christian he refused, and we let him sink. He was taken up by the sailors, and the question being suggested, he was refused. Occurring he rose; and this time, being thoroughly exhausted, he consented to abjure his errors. It might have been dangerous to take him into the boat, so I pushed him away, and he sank for the last time. But he died a Christian.

A KIPLING STORY.

Rudyard Kipling told the following story himself to a *Boston Herald* correspondent. He was poor, and at the same time wanted to see California. He also desired some profitable employment. It was long ago. He found himself in Lower California penniless. Ruminating on his misfortunes, he came across a fellow-sufferer. This second victim to the unkindness of fate was again a fellow sufferer. He was a Jew. Apart from age, ill-dressed, and unclean. Apart from age, ill-dressed, and unclean. They decided to tramp to San Francisco, where Kipling had possible financial resources. They got there somehow. Kipling found his companion taciturn and odd. One day the silent one fell into a muddy creek. On landing he began to take off his trousers—a very wretched, ragged pair. To Kipling's surprise a second pair, thin, well cut, and comparatively new, were disclosed beneath the old ones. Kipling came to the conclusion that he had stolen them and began to regret his agreement to travel with him. One day when Kipling found the tramping hard work, and complained of trouble with his feet his silent companion said, 'You'd have a lot more trouble without them. The man evidently had some sense of humor. He agreed at San Francisco, Kipling said, 'Where are you going?' 'To the wharf,' was the reply. 'I'll go with you to the wharf,' said Kipling. At the wharf there was a neat boat with half-a-dozen sailors 'boiling about.' The moment they saw Kipling's companion in his ragged attire, and the fact as a spit-and-spear yacht, trim and tight, as a Yankee schooner carrying an admiral's flag. Kipling's friend was a certain well-known millionaire, who enjoys a walking tour and delights to study mankind from the tramp's point of view. Yes, it is a perfectly true story—and romantic, eh? [Very; almost too good to be true.]

SEVEN POUNDS IN ONE WEEK.

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NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Directors of this Company held at the Company's Office, Connaught House, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 2nd August, 1895, a FINAL CALL OF TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per SHARE was made upon all MEMBERS holding Ordinary Shares of the Company, and that the same will be PAYABLE to the Shareholders at the Office of the Company at 15, PRAYA CENTRAL, SYDNEY & CO., the Company's Agents at Singapore, on or before TUESDAY, 3rd September, 1895.
And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Clause 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, if the sum PAID in respect of any CALL be NOT PAID on or before the said 3rd SEPTEMBER 1895, the Holder for the time being of the Share in respect of which the Call shall have been made shall pay INTEREST for the same, at the rate of TEN PER CENT per ANNUM from the date of the said 3rd September 1895, to the time of the actual payment.
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The Co.'s Steamship
'Pyrrhus,'
Captain BART, will be
despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 12, 1895. 1492

FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG AND
ANTWERP.
The Steamship
'Strathgairn,'
Captain OSBORNE, will
be despatched as above on
above Ports, at Daylight, on SUNDAY, the
25th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 9, 1895. 1409

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
'Nesher,'
Capt. ACQUITT, will be
despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 28th Instant, at Day-
light.

Rate of Freight on Mating and General
Cargo 20/- per ton of 40 cubic feet.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 13, 1895. 1498

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
'Glenloch,'
Consignment NORMAN, will be
despatched as above on
or about TUESDAY, the 3rd September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 19, 1895. 1482

Sailing Vessels.
FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 A.L.I. American Barque
'Gen. S. Homer,'
Hemlock, Master, having arrived
from the above Port, and will have quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1398

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 A.L.I. American Ship
'Gen. S. Homer,'
Hemlock, Master, having arrived
from the above Port, and will have quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1398

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 A.L.I. American Ship
'Gen. S. Homer,'
Hemlock, Master, having arrived
from the above Port, and will have quick
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For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, July 31,